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AMS INSTRUCTION No. 107-4
Rev. 1

ACTION BY: All Divisions and Offices

Participation in Operation Alert 1957

I PURPOSE

This Instruction (1) transmits and calls attention to Secretary's Memorandum to heads of Department agencies dated May 22, 1957, concerning participation of the Department in Operation Alert 1957; and (2) sets forth responsibilities for AMS participation in the operation.

II CANCELLATION

AMS Instruction No. 107-4 dated July 5, 1956, is superseded by this Instruction and should be removed from the manual. Specific parts revised are not indicated because of the general nature of the revision.

III APPLICABILITY

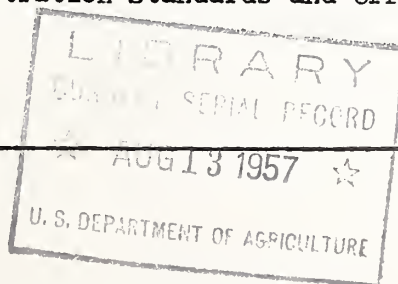
This Instruction is applicable to Washington divisions, Food Distribution Division field offices, and certain additional field offices which have otherwise received instructions pertaining to participation in Operation Alert. It is being distributed to all other offices for information purposes.

IV DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION ALERT 1957

Attached to the Secretary's Memorandum mentioned above is an Outline Covering Participation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Operation Alert 1957 (Op. Alert 1957, Instruction 1). This outline describes the purpose, nature, scope, and timing of the simulated attack, and the documents in which additional information pertaining to the test exercise may be found.

Additional instructions in the "Op. Alert 1957 Instruction" series, Federal Civil Defense Administration Standards and Office of Defense

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(IV)

Mobilization Program Memorandums will be distributed to those who are to participate actively in Operation Alert 1957 through Defense Planning Committees for Washington personnel and through the Regional Liaison Representatives mail distribution system for field personnel.

V AMS PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION ALERT 1957

AMS personnel who are to participate actively in Operation Alert 1957, either at Repoint or in the field, will be notified by the Special Services Division. All other personnel will participate only to the extent needed to cooperate with local civil defense exercises (see Op. Alert 1957, Instruction 1, Paragraph V) or to supply information requested by an office or official designated to participate actively in the exercise. Care should be taken to identify any such messages or conversations with the words "UNCAP-TEST EXERCISE ONLY" (see Op. Alert 1957, Instruction 1, Paragraph IV).

The Special Services Division will coordinate the pre-exercise and post-exercise activities of AMS personnel. During the exercise coordination will be accomplished by methods established for utilization of the war-time organization.

VI DIVISION INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD PERSONNEL

Divisions which find it necessary to augment official "Op. Alert 1957, Instructions" with additional instructions issued by the division director for the use of division personnel should:

- 1 Designate them as "OPAL 57 Instruction A(B,C,D, etc) - 1/
FV(or LS, MR, etc. to indicate the issuing division)" 1/
- 2 Send twelve copies to the Special Services Division so that they may be distributed by established methods to Regional Liaison Representatives.

1/ The abbreviation "OPAL" for Operation Alert and the use of letters A,B,C, etc. instead of numbers for succeeding issues of division instructions will differentiate such instructions from department instructions officially designated as "Op. Alert 1957 Instruction."

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Attachments